

# The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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## How to Join

\* Come to a club meeting;  
 \* or send in an application by mail (form on [www.NADXC.org](http://www.NADXC.org))  
 \* or call  
 Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

## From the President

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

A index at 33. Times are tough when a Saturday morning ragchew on 20m from here to KS with beams and power on both ends are cut short due to QSB. This sunspot decline is so bad it seems to have taken HARA Arena with it.

For those without an internet cluster connection in their hamshack, I'm referring of course to the recent closure announcement of Dayton Hamvention's venue. A few days later the Dayton Amateur Radio Association announced their new location at the Greene County Fairgrounds in Xenia, OH. Hamvention 2017 might be better, might be worse. It certainly will be different.

Ahead of that we have our own "World's Friendliest Hamfest" right here in Huntsville barely two weeks away. The Forum schedule is published, and a number of club members will be volunteering a significant portion of their weekend time to the event.

- Steve AG4W and Mike K4ADK will be DXCC card checking
- Kelley W4VPZ – HAYLARC President doing Hamfest tickets and Banquet stuff.
- Mark N4BCD will staff our NADXC booth and MC the Banquet
- Bob K8KI is doing a Forum presentation
- Tim AB4B is organizing and presenting at ACG Forums
- Jim N4KH is overseeing Flea Market table sales & administration
- Tom KG4CUY and Kevin KG4TEI are handling Forum scheduling & admin
- Craig NM4T is coordinating three QRP Forums
- And Chuck N4NM, Johnny KR4F and Bill W4WEG will have flea market tables.

As this is written, the ONE remaining flea mar-

ket table was rented out.

Please join us for the DX Banquet on Saturday evening of the Hamfest. This is the largest event our Club undertakes each year and so far the response has been underwhelming. Our featured speaker is Craig Thompson K9CT co-leader from the Palmyra expedition. We'll have it all - a well prepared meal followed by a great program and then some seriously good door-prizes.

A reminder that our NADXC picnic is 3 Saturday's later on September 10, 10 AM to whenever, at Monte Sano State Park pavilion. Join us for a pot-luck get-together in a beautiful park. Some members will bring a QRP radio or two. One of them might even have microphone. And putting wires into someone else's trees is always fun.

Back to DX. While I did see there's a UHF contest this weekend, my radios don't go there. Guess we'll have to rely on our DX sniffing dogs and cats to roust us out of bed for a low band opportunity.

73,  
 Mark N4BCD  
 North Alabama DX Club – President

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## July NADXC Meeting Minutes

By Kelley Vann-Johns, W4VPX, NADXC Secretary/Treasurer

Twenty members and two guests were in attendance at the July 12, 2016 meeting at the Golden Corral.

### Announcements

Bob KC4TNC commented that the Red Cross is getting lots of calls asking for information on amateur radio.

Field Day 2016 – reports from other sites. Bob KC4TNC was with the Lime-stone County ARES group at the Alabama welcome station on I-65 at the Tennessee state line. Bob K4BZ was with the NASA Club NN4SA at the MSFC picnic area. Mark N4BCD gave a top-level rundown of the HARC's site K4BFT, which was impressive considering the weather shut-down of operations for over an hour on Saturday night.

Members were reminded that the Hamfest is 7 weeks away, and to purchase their Banquet tickets soon. Dayton Hamvention has announced their 2106 attendance exceeded 25,000. Mark N4BCD pointed out a Dayton satisfaction survey to fill out online.

The North Alabama DX Club picnic is on the calendar for September 10, beginning at 10 a.m. at the bluff pavilion at Monte Sano State Park. Bring a dish to share, and the picnic will continue until everyone has finished working contacts and eating.

MD WA4DXP shared a 40m transceiver kit – QRP CW – QRP Pixie, that sell

for \$12. HARC will be having some kit assembly programs in the future, and this is one of the kits on the list.

Bob K4BZ announced the MSFC Club's upcoming Apollo XV special event station. Activity will run from July 30 – August 2. They will be using the NN4SA call sign.

John N5DF now has 343 confirmed entities!

### Treasurer's Report June 2016

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,857.34
Deposits (Ticket Sales and Memberships)	\$ 777.84
Withdrawals (Secretary of State Club Name Reservation)	\$ 28.00
Checks (Club Repeater Maintenance)	\$ 66.85
Ending Balance	\$ 5,540.33

### Membership Applications

Craig Compton K4XR is a returning member, and he (re)introduced himself.

He is looking for one or more sections of Rohn 45 or 55. Please contact him if you can help.

### Old Business

None

### New Business

None

### Meeting adjourned.

### Banquet Tix

The time is NOW for you to get tickets to the NADXC DX Banquet to be held beginning 5:30 pm at the Best Western in Madison. Our speaker is contesteer and DXer Craig Thompson, K9CT. Craig's talk and fellowship with other hams is the perfect finish to the busy first day of hamfest. Visit [www.nadxc.org](http://www.nadxc.org) or contact Kelley for your tickets.

There's no time like the present!

### How Low Can it Go?

August Program Moderated by Tim Winingers, AB4B

A brief video of Tim's new 4-square, and a discussion low-band antenna projects we all need to consider for the HF propagation doldrums we seem to be entering head-long. Let's have input from all members who have been through a few cycles, for the edification of those who haven't and commiseration with those who have.

Get to the Golden Corral around

6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 for the business meeting, and no later than 7:30 for this discussion.



### NADXC Officers and Directors

President	Mark Brown, N4BCD
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Directors	Tom Duncan, KG4CUY

## DX Contests for August

By Chuck Lewis, N4NM

### SARL HF Phone Contest (SSB), 80-20 meters

Aug. 7, 1300Z to 1630Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)

### WAE CW DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Aug 13, 0000Z to Aug. 14, 2359Z

Exchange: RST plus serial No. See web for QTC rules.

See page 83, August QST and

[www.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc.en](http://www.de/referate/dx/contest/waedc.en)

### SARTG WW RTTY Contest, (RTTY), 80-10 meters

Aug. 20, 0000Z to Aug. 21, 1600Z

Exchange: RST plus Serial No.

See page 83, August QST and

[www.sartg.com](http://www.sartg.com)

### Russian District Award Contest, (CW, SSB), 160-10 meters

Aug. 20, 0800Z to Aug. 21, 0800Z

Exchange: RS(T), Serial or Russian District

See page 83, August QST and

[rdac1.htm](http://rdac1.htm)

### CVA DX Contest, (CW), 80-10 meters

Aug. 20, 2100Z to Aug. 21, 2100Z

Exchange: RST plus category (see rules)

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.creac.org](http://www.creac.org)

### SARTG WW RTTY Contest, (80 - 10 meters)

Aug. 20, 0000Z to Aug. 21, 1600Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.sartg.com](http://www.sartg.com)

### SARL HF Digital Contest (DIG), 80-20 meters

Aug. 21, 1300Z to 1630Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)

### YO DX Contest, (CW,SSB), 80-10 meters

Aug. 27, 1200Z to Aug. 28, 1200Z

Exchange: RS(T), Serial or YO district

See page 83, August QST and

[www.yodx.ro/en/english](http://www.yodx.ro/en/english)

### Keymen's Club of Japan Contest (CW), 160-6 meters

Aug. 27, 1200Z to Aug. 28, 1200Z

Exchange: RST and prefecture or continent

See page 83, August QST and

[www.kcj-cw.com](http://www.kcj-cw.com)

### CVA DX Contest, (SSB), 80-10 meters

Aug. 27, 2100Z to Aug. 28, 2100Z

Exchange: RS plus category (see rules)

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.creac.org](http://www.creac.org)

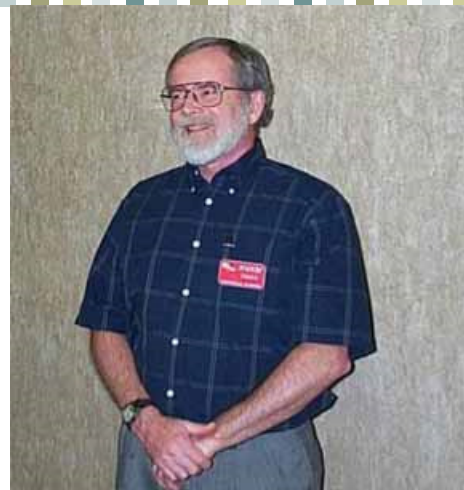
### SARL HF CW Contest (CW), 80-20 meters

Aug. 28, 1300Z to 1630Z

Exchange: RST, serial no.

See page 83, Aug. QST and

[www.sarl.org.za](http://www.sarl.org.za)



### OTHERS:

#### Russian RTTY WW Contest,

0000Z to 2359, Aug. 3

#### All Asian DX Contest, Phone,

0000Z, Sep 4 to 2400Z, Sep 4

#### WAE DX Contest, SSB;

0000Z, Sep 10 to 2359Z, Sep 11

Dates & times often change or are misprinted in the journals; beware.

Chuck, N4NM

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